

AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 230-20-242 Activities conducted as a part of bingo games -- Authorization -- Restrictions. Bingo licensees may award prizes to winners of activities authorized by this section when such activities are conducted as a part of bingo games. Such activities shall be deemed to be bingo games if all players paying to participate are allowed to compete equally and all prizes awarded are treated as bingo game prizes for purposes of compliance with WAC 230-20-059.

(1) **Drawings.** Each licensee shall be allowed to award prizes that are determined by a random drawing of tickets or by other random selection methods involving the numbering system on such tickets if the requirements of WAC 230-20-105 are followed: Provided, That upon approval by commission staff, a licensee may use bingo cards in place of tickets if the requirements of WAC 230-20-107 are followed, and:

(a) All rules regarding these drawings, including requirements to qualify for participation, time and date of the drawing, and whether a player must be present to win, are clearly posted and distinctly explained to the players;

(b) Tickets or other facsimiles used to enter such drawings are awarded only to players purchasing cards to play in bingo games;

(c) Tickets, from which the winners of any such drawing are selected, shall not be accumulated for a period that is longer than thirty days. Drawings may be conducted using tickets that accumulate during any bingo occasion, week, or any other period that does not exceed thirty consecutive days;

(d) Players may only be awarded or otherwise receive tickets to participate in drawings at bingo games by meeting the following criteria:

(i) Pay an amount not to exceed one dollar per ticket. If a licensee elects to charge for entry into drawings, such drawings shall not be combined with other means of entry allowed by this subsection, and the gross gambling receipts, prizes, and expenses shall be recorded and reported as bingo activities: Provided, that if players are required to purchase tickets to enter the drawing, they shall not be required to be present to win if the drawing is not held at the same session as tickets are purchased;

(ii) Be a winner of a bingo game during the session;

(iii) Be a "good neighbor" winner, as defined by subsection (3) of this section; or

(iv) Meet other specific and predetermined criterion that has been approved by the director;

(e) The criterion for granting tickets, and the number of tickets awarded during each session, shall be recorded in the daily bingo record for each session. All winning tickets and other records shall be maintained as a part of the daily bingo records.

~~((2) Creativity and originality contests. A bingo licensee may conduct contests in which players may demonstrate their creativity and originality skills on up to eight occasions annually. The following rules must be observed in conducting these contests:~~

~~(a) The total value of prizes shall not exceed five hundred dollars during any occasion;~~

~~(b) Only players who have paid to participate in bingo games during the current session may participate in the contest; and~~

~~(c) A record shall be completed for each contest setting out the criterion for selecting the winners, the number of participants in the contest, and all details required by WAC 230-08-080 and 230-20-102. Such records shall be maintained as a part of the daily bingo~~

records.))

(3) **"Good neighbor" prize schemes.** A licensee may award prizes based upon the seating location of a player or players in regards to a winner of a bingo game or other approved criteria. The following requirements must be observed prior to awarding "good neighbor" prizes:

(a) All rules regarding these prizes, including the amount to be awarded to each "good neighbor" or group of "good neighbors" and all requirements to qualify for a prize, must be clearly posted and distinctly explained to the players; and

(b) A record shall be completed setting out the criterion for awarding such prizes, the number of such prizes awarded during each session, and all details required by WAC 230-08-080 and 230-20-102. Such record shall be maintained as a part of the daily bingo records.

(4) **Second element of chance schemes.** Licensees may use these schemes to increase the minimum prize for a bingo game after the winner(s) of the game has been determined by calling numbers and symbols if:

(a) The schemes do not involve the use of gambling devices specifically prohibited by public policy or commission rules;

(b) A player's minimum odds of winning the highest prize is equal to or greater than one winner out of one hundred twenty-five chances or the probability of winning the highest prize is .008 or greater;

(c) The scheme does not require the player to risk any portion of a prize already won;

(d) Every possible outcome of the scheme provides the player with an additional prize;

(e) All rules regarding play of the game are clearly posted and distinctly explained to the players. At least the following information shall be disclosed:

(i) The players minimum odds of winning the highest prize;

(ii) How a winner is determined;

(iii) Any contingencies or special requirements that may affect the outcome;

(iv) The cash value of the highest prize available; and

(v) Any financial burden that must be borne by the winner, such as taxes or registration fees.

(f) All requirements of WAC 230-20-010 are met before cards are purchased; and

(g) The scheme and supporting records contain control factors necessary for commission audit.

~~((5) Birthday bonus prizes. Licensees may offer birthday bonus prizes to players who win a bingo game subject to the following restrictions:~~

~~(a) The maximum bonus prize is fifty dollars;~~

~~(b) The player's birthday must be within the calendar week that the winning combination occurred and the bonus is paid;~~

~~(c) A licensee may award only one birthday bonus to any player during any calendar year;~~

~~(d) In addition to all requirements of WAC 230-20-102, the prize receipt for such prizes must include:~~

~~(i) The address of the winner;~~

~~(ii) The player's date of birth; and~~

~~(iii) The type of identification provided by the player to verify the winner's date of birth.))~~

